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Title: Need to declare `Puri' in Orissa as B-2 class city.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): Sir, the issue of declaring `Puri' in Orissa as B-2 class city has been brought to the notice of Government of India time and again since 1989 on the basis of pilgrim traffic and tourist concentration. The population condition has also been modified by the Central Fifth Pay Commission and, accordingly, the floating population of a tourist and pilgrimage centre uncaptured by the census data will be taken into account to declare a city as B-2 for payment of city compensatory allowance. Hence, being one of the four Dhams of the Hindus and also being one of the finest tourist spots of the country, Puri attracts a multitude of tourists every year which constitutes a part of its floating population. Therefore, I urge upon the Government of India to declare Puri as a B-2 class city in the same way as Agra, Varanasi and Madurai have been so classified.